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23. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein directing a plurality of mobile stations operating within the cellular wireless communication system to measure the strength of the broadcast channel and to measure the strength of respective serving traffic channels comprises issuing a mobile assisted channel assignment message to the plurality of mobile stations.

24. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein directing a plurality of mobile stations operating within the cellular wireless communication system to measure the strength of the broadcast channel and to measure the strength of respective serving traffic channels includes limiting such direction to mobile stations operating within a distance of the broadcast cell/sector.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chawla et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,496,700). The Examiner allowed claims 9-24 and objected to claims 2-4 and 6-8 as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In response thereto, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6. Thus, claim 1 and claims 2-8 that depend therefrom are now allowable. The Applicants have also amended claim 6 to add the additional limitation "wherein the broadcast channel is an unassigned traffic channel." All claims are now allowable and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

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